

Site Inspection Report of Forest Divisional Officer, Kothagudem in respect of 1<sup>st</sup> Renewal of 124.065 Ha. (original diverted area is 124.00 Ha.) for GK OC (Phase-II) in Compartment Nos. 11(P), 12(P) & 13(P) in Ramavaram RF, Ramavaram Range, Kothagudem Division on 24.07.2018.

I along with concerned Forest Officials and Officials of SCCL inspected the diverted Forest land of 124.065 Ha. (original diverted areas is 124.00 Ha.) proposed for 1<sup>st</sup> Renewal for GK OC (Phase-II) on 24.07.2018. Earlier, MoEF, Gol vide letter No.8-17/98-FC, dtd.08.02.1999 communicated prior approval for diversion of 124.00 Ha. of Forest land for Quarry operations of GK OC (Phase-II), for a period of 20 years. At the time of original diversion, equivalent extent of C.A. land was given at Rasannagudem (V) of Mulakalapalli (M) of Paloncha Division, which is part of 495.09 Ha. handed over to Forest Dept. on 06.03.1990. Further, C.A. charges of Rs.49.60 lakhs was paid to Forest Dept. Since NPV concept was not there at the time of original diversion, now NPV is required to be paid by SCCL for the proposed Forest area.


During the inspection, it is found that the entire diverted area is being used by SCCL for quarry operations and extraction of Coal in this area is progress. The mining operations are continuing in the area and location of diverted area is in the middle of the Quarry.

The SCCL Officers have informed that since the lease period is going to expire on 07.02.2019, they have submitted application (in Form-B) vide letter dtd.05.04.2017 for renewal of lease. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests in turn, sought certain information from FDO/DFO, Kothagudem about possibility of conducting DGPS survey since the entire area is covered under the quarry operations of OC. Also informed that after conducting DGPS survey, SCCL again re-submitted the proposal on 9.11.2017 with Authenticated Plan to PCCF. As per the DGPS survey and authentication, the proposed Forest area comes to 124.065 Ha. (against earlier area of 124.00 Ha.). Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests forwarded the proposal to FDO, Kothagudem on 07.04.2018 for scrutiny and re-submission.

No protected Archaeological/Heritage monuments are located in the area. The site is not falling in Wild Life Sanctuary or Eco-sensitive Zone of Kinnerasani Wild Life Sanctuary. It is 10.95 Kms away from the Eco sensitive zone of Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary. The mining operations are going on for the last 20 years and there will not be any impact on the Flora & Fauna of the adjacent area.

The detailed point-wise compliance report of conditions imposed at the time of earlier diversion is enclosed.

The site photographs are also enclosed.

  
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